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Dear Commission Members,

As Executive Director of a local PEG station, NCTV, Channel 11, serving 12,000 homes in Nevada County, CA, I want to bring to your attention that community access television directly serves localism and diversity. Although this hearing is technically about the regulation of broadcast licenses, at the previous hearing in Rapid City, commissioners commented on how the issues of broadcast, DSS & cable diversity could not be separated.

In your touring of public access TV stations, do keep in mind the issue of access to a diversity of views in a world where the broadcast medium is being controlled more and more by fewer individuals and corporations. Public access TV is about the importance of community media in fostering localism and a diversity of choices, opinions and views, and it is important that our role not be forgotten in the creation of regulations to support information and education for all of our citizens. Public access TV is one of a growing number of educational vehicles that represent the health of our country. Help keep it strong.

Sincerely,

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